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SUMMARY: SENIOR POLADS AGREED AUGUST 10 THAT AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING ACCREDITATION OF NATO MBFR DELS WAS SATISFACTORY. BELGIAN REP ADVISED THAT STATUS OF SCHOTTERNRING BUILDING STILL UNCLEAR AND THAT POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER BUILDING AS SUBSTITUTE WAS BEING EXAMINED. UK REP SAID LONDON HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON PREFERRED METHOD FOR ACCREDITING BRITISH MEMBERS OF IS/IMS. DISCUSSION OF COSTS CENTERED ON WHETHER ALLIES WERE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE ASSUME SHARE OF TOTAL, AND DELEGATIONS WERE ASKED OBTAIN GUIDANCE FOR AUGUST 16 MEETING. FRG REP RAISED SUBJECT OF ESTABLISHING POOL OF INTERPRETERS IN VIENNA AND PROBLEM OF MBFR NOMENCLATURE. GUIDANCE REQUESTED. CAN WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSUMING PART OF CONFERENCE COSTS? END SUMMARY.

1. IN DISCUSSION OF ACCREDITATION QUESTION, BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) ADVISED THAT AUSTRIANS PROPOSED FOLLOWING:

A) ALLIED MBFR DELS WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO GOA
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AS PART OF NATIONAL EMBASSIES; B) MBFR DELS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN REGULAR DIPLOMATIC LIST, BUT LACK OF INCLUSION WOULD HAVE NO REPEAT NO EFFECT ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF DELEGATION MEMBERS; C) CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT WILL ISSUE

INFORMAL LIST OF MEMBERS OF MBFR DELEGATIONS ON BASIS REQUESTS RECEIVED FROM NATIONAL DELEGATIONS FOR LAISSEZ-PASSERS. IS/IMS REPS, WHO WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO CONFERENCE SITE, WOULD NOT BE ON THIS LIST, BUT THIS WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THEIR STATUS. THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THIS ARRANGEMENT AND SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED CLOSED.

2. CHAIRMAN RAISED SUBJECT OF ACCREDITATION OF IS/IMS REPS TO NATIONAL EMBASSIES IN VIENNA, NOTING IN THIS CONNECTION UK CONCERN THAT THEIR AMBASSADOR SHOULD HAVE CONTROL OVER BRITISH NATIONALS INVOLVED. UK REP (SMITH) EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR SOLUTION WHEREBY SYG LUNS SENDS MEMORANDUM TO UK PERMREP PECK INDICATING INTENTION TO SEND CERTAIN UK NATIONALS ON IS/IMS TO VIENNA. HOWEVER, HE SAID LONDON HAD NOT REACHED FIRM DECISION ON THIS POINT AND THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO INFORM COMMITTEE LATER OF FINAL POSITION.

3. IS REP (DEBURLET) WHO HAD VISITED VIENNA FOR TALKS ON BUILDING ADVISED THAT FINAL DECISION ON SCHOTTENRING 21 BUILDING WAS STILL PENDING. FINAL DECISION WOULD BE MADE BY FONMIN KIRSCHLAEGER AND HIS COUNTERPART IN CHARGE OF EDUCATION, BUT BOTH WERE ON VACATION UNTIL END OF AUGUST. DEBURLET NOTED THAT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS, LATTER HAD HINTED THAT FAVORABLE DECISION ON SCHOTTENRING BUILDING MORE LIKELY IF NATO TOOK ACCOMMODATING POSITION ON COST SHARING QUESTION.

4. WILLOT SAID THAT IN HIS TALKS WITH AUSTRIANS, THEY HAD NOT REPEAT NOT DRAWN LINK BETWEEN SCHOTTENRING BUILDING AND COST SHARING PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH THEY HAD RAISED LATTER PROBLEM INDEPENDENTLY. HE ALSO ADVISED THAT ANOTHER SOLUTION WAS BEING EXAMINED, NAMELY BUILDING ON RENNWEG 1 NEXT TO YUGOSLAV EMBASSY, WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REJECTED BY AD HOC GROUP WHEN SCHOTTENRING BUILDING HAD SEEMED AVAILABLE.

5. LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF COST-SHARING QUESTION REVEALED THAT AUSTRIANS DO HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE UP PART OF COSTS, PERHAPS THOSE CONNECTED WITH ACTUAL OPERATIONS OF CONFERENCE SITE, BUT WERE RELUCTANT TO RAISE THIS WITH PARTICIPANTS FORMALLY. CONFIDENTIAL

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SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, LED BY ITALIANS AND CANADIANS, INDICATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER THEY WERE AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO PICKING UP PART OF CONFERENCE TAB, AS DISTINCT FROM COSTS OF RUNNING NATO FACILITY WHICH ALL AGREE SHOULD BE SHARED AMONG ALLIES. COMMITTEE AGREED THAT FIRST STEP SHOULD BE TO REACH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE THAT ALLIES WERE PREPARED TO ASSUME SHARE OF CONFERENCE COSTS, PROVIDING WARSAW PACT STATES DID SAME. QUESTION WAS ALSO POSED WHETHER ALLIES SHOULD TAKE FIRST STEP OF OFFERING TO PAY PART OF COSTS OR WHETHER THEY SHOULD WAIT FOR AUSTRIAN REQUEST. (COMMENT: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER WE PREPARED IN PRINCIPLE PAY PART OF COSTS AND, IF SO, WHETHER ALLIES SHOULD TAKE INITIATIVE WITH AUSTRIANS. END COMMENT.)

6. FRG REP NOTED THAT DURING JUNE 22 MEETING OF EMISSARIES IN VIENNA, SOVIETS HAD APPEARED FAVORABLE TO IDEA THAT PARTICIPANTS SUPPLY INTERPRETERS/TRANSLATORS FOR POOL DURING CONFERENCE. HE ADVISED THAT BONN WAS FAVORABLE TO THIS IDEA AND WAS PREPARED SEND TWO INTERPRETERS AND TWO TRANSLATORS FROM FRENCH, ENGLISH, AND RUSSIAN INTO GERMAN AND ASKED WHETHER OTHER PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE PREPARED DO SAME. ONLY RESPONSE WAS FROM WILLOT, WHO SAID HE WAS "99.9 PERCENT SURE" BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACCEPT THIS PROPOSAL AND WOULD EXPECT FRENCH-LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS/TRANSLATORS TO BE PROVIDED BY CONFERENCE AUTHORITIES. (COMMENT: WHAT IS WASHINGTON'S VIEW ON POOL PROPOSAL? END COMMENT.)

7. FRG REP ALSO RAISED SUBJECT OF MBFR NOMENCLATURE, AND SAID THAT BONN COULD NOT AGREE TO LEAVE THIS SUBJECT TO AD HOC GROUP BUT WISHED REACH DECISION IN SPC. US REP SAID HE THOUGHT IDEA OF LEAVING THIS TO AD HOC GROUP WAS GOOD ONE AND MATTER WAS LEFT OPEN PENDING CIRCULATION OF PAPER ON NOMENCLATURE BY FRG DEL. RUMSFELD

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